



AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS

Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program

Most agriculture-related businesses are eligible for B&I guaranteed loans.
There is no "family size farm" requirement connected to the B&I program.

Eligible agriculture-related businesses

All types of agriculture-related businesses which are not directly involved in the production of agricultural commodities are eligible for the B&I program.
Examples of eligible agribusinesses include:

- Fruit/vegetable/crop packing, processing, & marketing sheds
- Wineries
- Meat packing & processing facilities
- Custom farm service & farm management providers
- Farm trucking operations

Ineligible agriculture-related businesses

With the few exceptions noted below, B&I guaranteed loans are not authorized for businesses engaged only in production agriculture:

<u>Ineligible</u>	<u>Eligible</u>
Crop production.....except:	Nurseries (flowers/ornamentals) Flower & vegetable seed production Sod farms Vegetable transplant nurseries Mushroom production Hydroponics
Livestock production.....except: Dairies Feedlots Horse breeding/boarding	Aquaculture
Tree crop production.....except:	Forestry Timber production & harvesting Fuelwood production

Vertically-integrated farm operations

Vertically-integrated farms -- i.e., those that combine the production *and* processing of agricultural commodities -- are eligible for B&I assistance if:

- the loan is ineligible for a USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) loan or guarantee
(For more information on FSA farm loans and guarantees, call (530-792-5520))
- AND
- agricultural production is a secondary purpose -- i.e., less than 50% of the loan
and less than \$1 million